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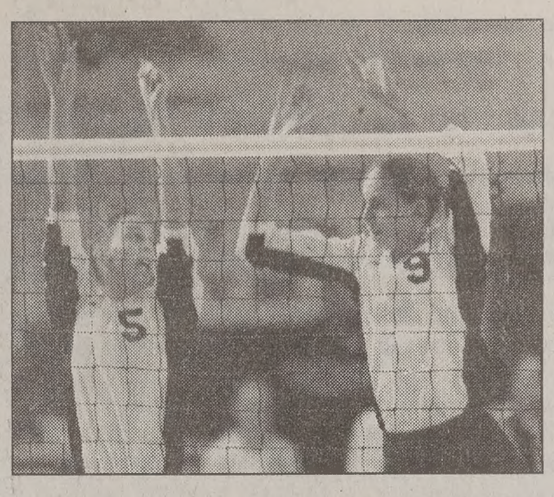

Sister act

Sisters Karina (far left) and Nina Puikkonen look to each other on the Y volleyball team.

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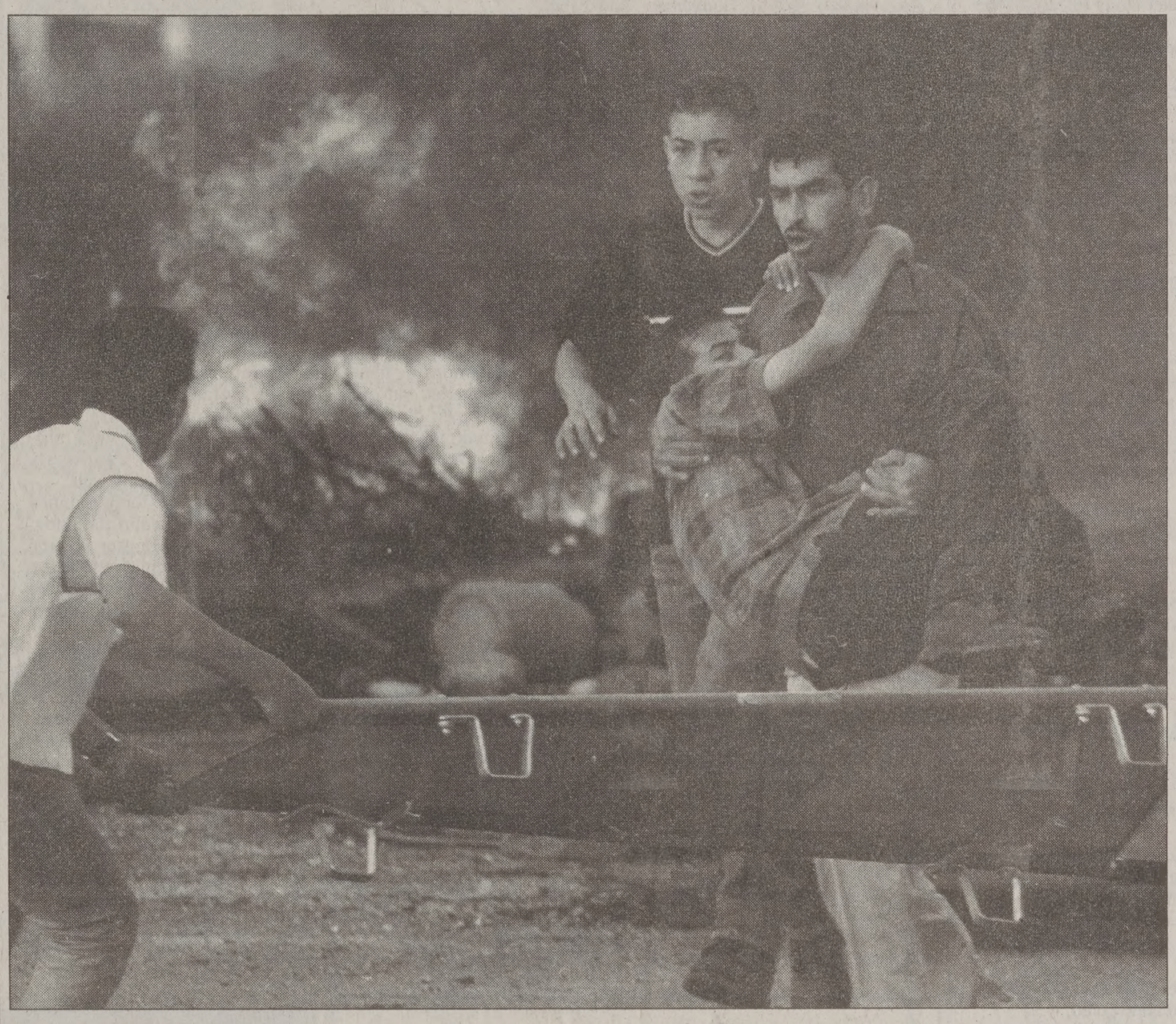
Middle East turns to summit



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Palestinians rescue an injured protester shot by Israeli troops during clashes on the outskirts of the West Bank town of Ramallah Monday. Clashes broke out during a protest in support of Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat and against the Sharm el-Sheik summit.

Egypt hosts emergency meeting with world leaders

Associated Press

SHARM EL-SHEIK, Egypt — In an atmosphere of high tension and mistrust, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat met warily at an emergency summit aimed at halting bloody clashes in the Mideast. Hours of talks yielded no cease-fire agreement by early Tuesday, despite President Clinton's admonition that "We cannot afford to fail."

Clinton pressed his diplomatic drive into the early hours, meeting with Arafat and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak past 1 a.m., then meeting with Barak for nearly two hours before heading to his hotel for rest. More meetings were planned later Tuesday morning, and the eventual outcome was uncertain.

After meeting with Clinton and Mubarak, Arafat told reporters who asked about an agreement,"Not yet, not yet."

Nabil Abourdeneh, a senior aide to Arafat, said, "We still need a few hours and more American effort to know the result of these talks. Until now, we still don't have an agreement on anything. We'll know tomorrow morning."

An Egyptian official, Nabil Osman, said the seven leaders participating in the summit would gather together again later Tuesday morning. The marathon talks, lasting well past 14 hours, prompted Clinton to extend his stay into Tuesday morning, rather than departing on Monday night as planned.

Although Israeli officials were downbeat, Jake Siewert, the White House press secretary, characterized the talks as intently focused "on how to change the realities on the ground, so we can begin to build a bridge back to peacemaking."

The main hangup was Arafat's insistence for an international fact-finding commission to assess the causes of the violence, an Israeli official said. Israel says it will only accept a panel led by the United States, its closest ally.

Siewert acknowledged that tempers flared earlier in the day during a meeting of foreign ministers. "I gather it was a bit heated," he said. "But that's the exception, not the rule here. There may have been some heated rhetoric but none of epithets I've seen reported."

Siewert said there were no eruptions in any of Clinton's meetings. "People have been straightforward, focused on solutions and not finger-pointing," Siewert said. As for the timing of Clinton's return to Washington, Siewert said, "We haven't made a plan for after this."

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Parents assured students safe in Y center

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> "It's really calm and peaceful in the city around the center. Life is going on as it would at any other time."
>
> —Carri Jenkins, assistant to the president, University Communications

While fighting escalates and peace talks stall in the Middle East, BYU officials want to make one thing clear about the 176 students housed at the Jerusalem Center for Near Eastern Studies:

They're OK. They're not in lockdown. And, yes, they're still visiting safe zones in the city.

School officials hoped to communicate as much Monday night at the Harman Conference Center, hosting about 75 parents of Jerusalem Center students for a private question-and-answer session.

Parents unable to attend were able to listen via conference call, as well as submit e-mail questions to Jerusalem Center liaison Jim Kearl, who led the meeting, said Carri Jenkins, assistant to the president, University Communications.

Center officials closed the meeting to the media and asked parents not to talk to reporters.

Regardless of the reaction Monday, BYU officials already have an undisclosed plan for when and how they might remove students from the Jerusalem Center if necessary, Jenkins said.

"There's not going to be any decisions made from this meeting tonight," she said.

And BYU may not have to in the future, particularly since the Israeli-Palestinian fighting has moved away from Jerusalem, allowing students to visit sites in West Jerusalem, Jenkins said.

"It's really calm and peaceful in the city around the center," she said. "Life is going on as it would at any other time."

That includes block-ending finals, which have made most students want to stay inside the Jerusalem Center to study anyway, Jenkins said.

"They're not really in lockdown," she said.

Leavitt, Orton debate issues at BYU

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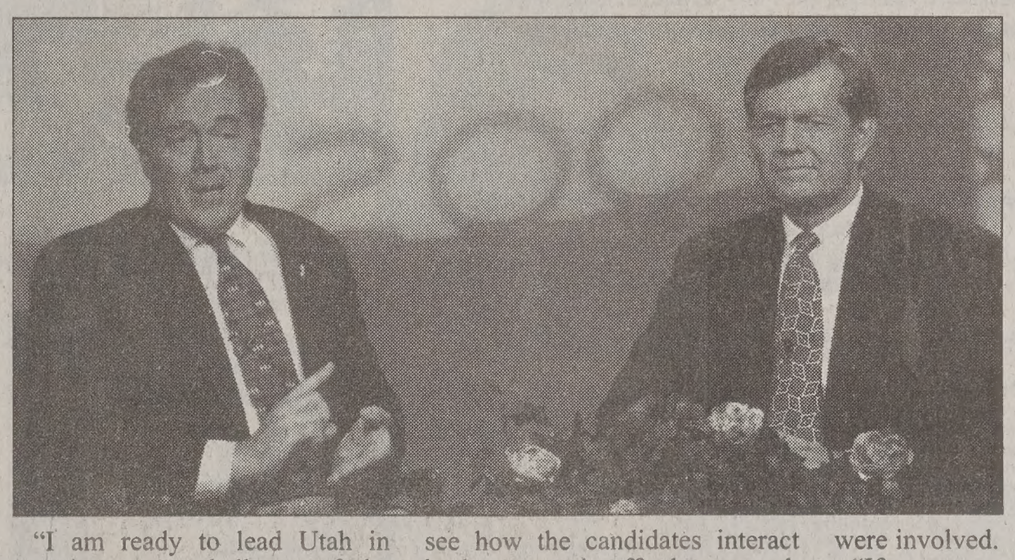

Gov. Mike Leavitt and Bill Orton debate Monday night on KBYU. The debate was the first in a series sponsored by political science students.
Morgan VanWagoner/ Daily Universe

A debate between Gov. Mike Leavitt and challenger Bill Orton at BYU on Monday night brought out the similarities between the candidates.

Both candidates were for campaign finance reform, a local vote concerning fluoridation of water, resolving environmental issues and both were against taxing the Internet and an initiative to make English Utah's official language.

While both candidates say education is their No. 1 priority, they have different views on the subject.

"There are surpluses in school funds that are not being appropriated and spent," former Democratic Congressman Orton said.

Republican Leavitt disagreed.

"We have made an aggressive continued investment in our education system. However, being governor requires balance. Other considerations come into play," Leavitt said.

Term limits are another area where the candidates differ. Leavitt is running for his third term in office while Orton is running for what he said will be his only term.

"Limits are critical because infusion of new blood is worth the loss of the old," Orton said.

Leavitt said term limits had been set to three terms for governor and that more than that was unnecessary.

Orton said he believed people who do not have a political choice do not have a democracy. That is why he is running.

Leavitt said he was optimistic about continuing his service in office.

"I am ready to lead Utah in meeting every challenge of the information age. Unwavering, I am ready to take this state forward," Leavitt said.

The format of the hour-long debate had both candidates sitting, answering questions from the audience. David Magleby, professor in BYU's Political Science Department, facilitated the debate.

It was the first in a series of debates that will be sponsored by the Political Science 319 class taught by Magleby.

The purpose of the debates is to see how the candidates interact both on and off the record, Magleby said.

Magleby also said having an off-the-record gathering following the debate allows for members of the class to see how the candidates interact with each other and with live audiences.

"This interaction tells a lot about who is more likely to be effective in office," Magleby said.

Kimberly Spears, 21, a senior majoring in political science from Danville, Calif., said the debates would be more effective if more than just political science students were involved.

"If voters watched the debates and actually considered the candidates' views, they could see where the candidates differ and most of all where they don't differ. This is important for the upcoming elections," said Spears, who is a teaching assistant for the Political Science 319 class.

Magleby said he hoped the debates allowed viewers to get unfiltered, direct exposure to the two candidates.

"Our objective is to facilitate public information about politics," Magleby said.

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—Natalie Kilgore

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—Rachael Wilson

POLITICS

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Washington unites to celebrate families

WASHINGTON — From the U.S. Capitol to the Washington Monument and beyond, thousands of families of all colors assembled in Washington Monday at the summons of Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan to celebrate the strength and diversity of the American family.

On the fifth anniversary of the Million Man March — the crowds came peacefully — not to petition the government, but instead to exult in their numbers.

The assemblage was expected to be the largest gathering of black people since that march, which the National Park Service said drew an estimated 400,000 people, but which Farrakhan said drew more than 1 million.

The overarching purpose of Monday's event was to demonstrate that "people of God can come together, despite our diversity, for the noblest of causes — the family," said Minister Rashul Muhammad, son of Nation of Islam founder Elijah Muhammad.

Survey says teen ethics questionable

LOS ANGELES, Calif. — Many of the nation's high school students lie a lot, cheat a lot and many show up for class drunk, according to preliminary results of a nationwide teen character study released Monday.

Seven in 10 students surveyed admitted cheating on a test at least once in the past year, and nearly half said they had done so more than once, according to the nonprofit Joseph & Edna Josephson Institute of Ethics.

"This data reveals a hole in the moral ozone," said Michael Josephson, founder and president of the Marina Del Rey-based organization.

On the other hand, the results were not significantly worse than on the last test in 1998 — the first time that has happened since the group began testing in 1992.

Temperatures drop; Utah stays warm

SALT LAKE CITY — Utah will have its second-straight warmer-than-normal winter, even as temperatures drop across the nation, according to the nation's top weather forecasters.

"You likely won't see much difference," National Weather Service Director Jack Kelly told the Washington bureau of the Deseret News.

But Kelly said temperatures will drop as much as 5 or 6 degrees elsewhere in the nation. Still, he said, that is merely returning to near normal after three warmer-than-usual winters.

Those warm spells were created by three consecutive El Nino and La Nina weather patterns created either by warming or cooling of Pacific Ocean water, said D. James Baker, administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Because of warm winters the past three years, Americans had to heat their homes 12 percent less often. So a return to normal now means "we would expect the use of heating fuel will go up at least 12 percent nationally," Baker said.

Skier sets nonstop record on Everest

KATMANDU, Nepal — It took Slovenian climber Davo Karnicar four days to reach the summit of 29,035-foot Mount Everest, but only five hours to come down.

With a camera on his helmet, the 38-year-old ski instructor skied nonstop from the summit to the base camp at 17,500 feet on Oct. 7, becoming the first person to ski nonstop from the top of Everest.

"I want to celebrate and feel the success for the rest of my life. This is just great," Karnicar told The Associated Press on Monday after returning from the mountain.

Holding up banners, his friends and fans cheered Karnicar at the Katmandu airport. He looked exhausted but smiled and waved.

"The weather was perfect and conditions were just right for the run. There were no major problems and the journey was smooth – covering every meter of the mountain on my skis," he said.

WEATHER

Yesterday	Today	Wednesday
High 62 / Low 40 (as of 5 p.m.)	Sunny	Sunny
Precipitation: Yesterday 0"; Month to date 1.00"; Year to date 13.26"	High 71 / Low 46	High 74 / Low 43

sources: BYU Geography Dept., CNN

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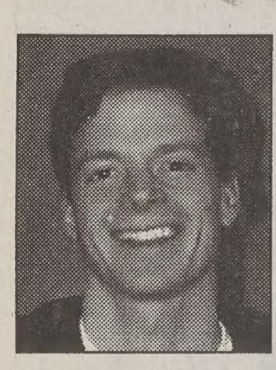

"And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief."

— *Mark 9:24*

Chad Morris, a senior from Kaysville, Davis County, majoring in marketing communications, said he likes this scripture because "at one time or another everyone can have a doubt or two, but he acknowleges that he believes in God."

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Landfill chemicals may breed problem

BYU students to investigate gas levels in Spanish Fork

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A BYU professor and students will investigate levels of dangerous gases in a Spanish Fork residential area built on top of a landfill.

Richard Terry, professor in the Department of Agronomy and Horticulture, said he will lead environmental science students in a case studies class to study the levels of gases in the soil at the Spanish Fork Ranch.

The methane gas in the soil is potentially dangerous to residents, said Joseph Miner, director of the Utah County Health Department.

Living over a landfill threatens residents in several ways.

"It affects the oxygen carrying capacity of your blood stream," said Steve Alder, a program manager at the Utah County Health Department.

"Also, kids could possibly come across infections from surfacing garbage."

Terry said another problem is contamination from trash near the water lines allowing dangerous chemicals to enter the water system.

Layers of soil protect water lines and buildings from direct contact with garbage, Miner said.

Spanish Fork city officials said they will give residents methane-monitoring devices and home-ventilation systems so they can protect themselves, Alder said.

"The city has been very cooperative with this situation. They want the best for the residents," Alder said.

The monitoring systems will warn residents of dangerous gas levels much like carbon monoxide monitors, Alder said.

Terry and students will take samples of the gas in the soil and study them for methane, carbon monoxide and other gases

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"We gather the gases and inject them into our gas chromatograph. Then we can tell how much of the different gases is in the ground," Terry said.

Plant growth problems could occur if levels of methane gas are high, he said.

"High levels of methane and gases could mean trees and turf grasses would not grow well," Terry said.

Working on developments over landfills is one of Terry's specialties. He studied the East Bay Golf Course in Provo, which was built on a landfill.

Terry and others' studies showed that many prob could result in developme landfills.

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Terry will be meeting wit Tobler from the Utah C Health Department to discu project.

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Barak, meanwhile, insisted on a halt to Palestinian attacks on Israeli soldiers and civilians and the re-arrest of extremists from the Hamas and Islamic Jihad movements who were released this past week. He has called for the Palestinian media to stop its calls for further attacks against Israel.

Clinton implored both sides "to move beyond blame" after more than two weeks of armed clashes on the West Bank and Gaza that have left about 100 people dead, most of them Palestinians. It has been the worst Israeli-Palestinian violence since 1993, when the Oslo peace accords launched the now-shattered peace process.

Fighting flared anew less than an hour after the summit opened. Israeli soldiers opened fire at Palestinian gunmen and rock-throwers. A Palestinian police officer and a 15-year-old boy were killed and dozens of civilians were wounded by Israeli fire.

Surrounded by tight security, the leaders met at a two-story golf clubhouse at this Red Sea resort, famous for its coral reefs and scuba diving. They gathered around a horseshoe-shaped table, Arafat and Barak sitting away from other leaders and far apart from each other.

There were no smiles or handshakes for the cameras, but officials said the two men did shake hands. Their attitude toward each other was described as chilly. There were flashes of anger in a foreign ministers' meeting on another floor.

Gadi Baltiansky, Barak's spokesman, said there were "substantial difficulties" in the foreign ministers' negotiations and that any agreement would have to be decided by the leaders.

"The differences are, on the one hand, the insistence by Palestinians that the Israelis take steps on the ground before a full stop to the violence, something Israel objects to; And, on the other hand, the character of a body that would investigate the events has not been agreed upon," Baltiansky said.

The summit was hosted by Mubarak, who unmistakably blamed Israel for the violence.

"The aggressions to which the Palestinian people were subjected during the last two weeks persuaded me to convene this meeting," Mubarak said.

Also participating were King Abdullah of Jordan, U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan and Javier Solana, the European Union's foreign affairs chief. Asked how the talks were proceeding, Annan cautiously responded: "Reasonably well."

At one point, the foreign ministers' meeting erupted in acrimony.

Israeli Foreign Minister Shlomo Ben Ami told the chief Palestinian negotiator, Saeb Erekat, that the international inquiry being sought by Arafat was simply an alibi to prevent progress in the peace process, according to an Israeli official familiar with the talks.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Erekat responded, "You are a real hero, threatening us with guns."

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright persuaded both to continue talking.

Clinton refused to take sides. Saying the situation was "piled high with grievance," Clinton said, "we have got to move beyond blame."

Urging the parties to be and serious," he set out goals: To end the violen restore security cooperati agree upon a fact-finding about what happened "to b to this sad point," and to peace process going again.

In view of the mutual h the most immediate goal wa truce, although U.S. officia it will be impossible to rebu atmosphere of trust quickly.

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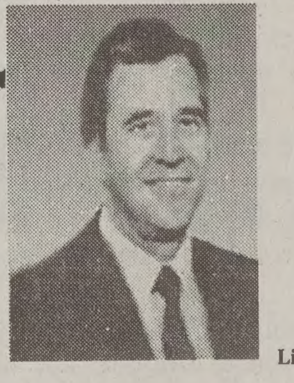

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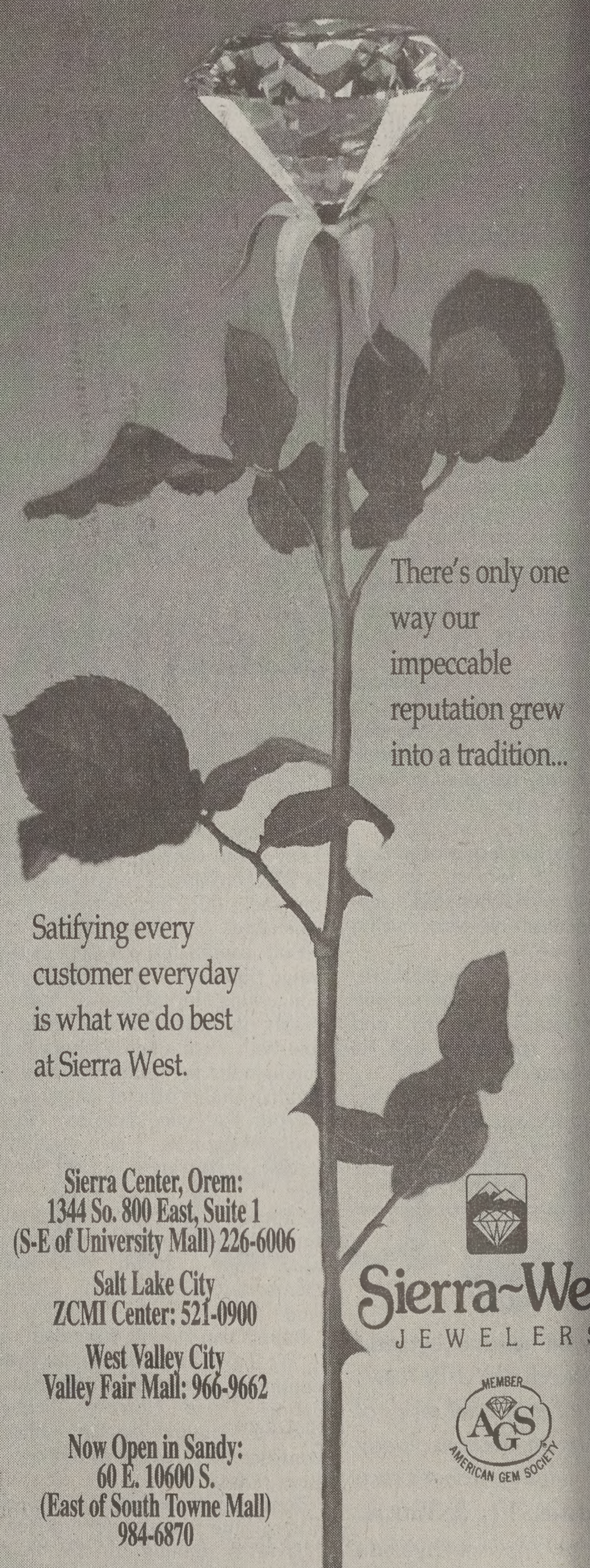

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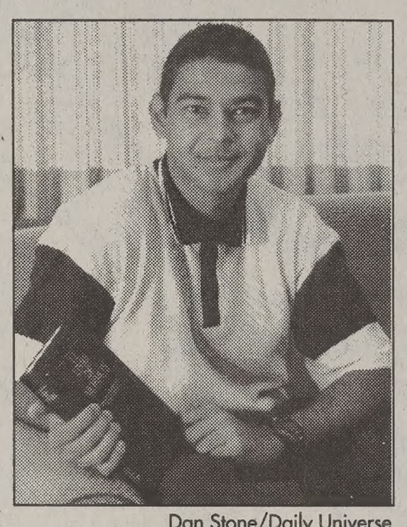

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Mithin Jay Chintaram plans to serve an LDS mission. Chintaram converted from Hinduism to the LDS Church a year ago.

was harder for her.

After taking some quality time to pray, Chintaram said he had a special experience.

"That experience was so powerful. From then on I couldn't doubt," he said. "Now I have a more complete knowledge of who I am and where I want to be."

When he went home, his mother had received a confirmation as well.

"I'm really thankful to my mom because I know it's hard. But I know that she supports me," Chintaram said.

He plans to submit his mission papers before Halloween and hopes to begin it in December.

Right now, Chintaram is getting a little practice as the missionary committee chair in the BYU 30th ward. As the ward mission leader, he focuses on serving non-members within the ward boundaries.

Chintaram's enthusiasm and faith reminds his friends of what Chintaram will soon be called to do.

Ben Hess, a junior from Orlando, Fla., majoring in English, who serves with Chintaram in the Residence Halls Association, said Chintaram gives him a sense of the big picture.

"He is focused on eternal goals as we are working in the here and now. We are going to miss him when he goes on his mission," Hess said.

Richard Cornaby, 23, a senior from San Diego, Calif., majoring in computer engineering is a former roommate of Chintaram.

"He'll be a great missionary," Cornaby said.

"He has so much energy and really makes people feel noticed," Cornaby said.

Proliferation of pornography raises questions of Web freedom

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With the advent of the Internet, educators across the United States are juggling the values they prize most.

Freedom to speak, freedom of privacy and the responsibility to produce quality young people are being weighed in the Internet freedom debate.

The Internet was a key issue addressed by lawyer Blake Ostler in the 2000 Utah Education Law Institute Program on Monday.

"About 70 percent of the sites now available on the Internet are pornographic sites," said Ostler, from Burbidge, Ostler, Carnahan & White, in his speech titled "Balancing Student Safety and Student Rights."

Ostler works closely with school districts and specializes in Internet misuse by faculty and students.

In 2000, Ostler said he has been involved in terminating 29 school district employees for Internet abuse.

Twenty-eight of those terminations were for access to pornography. The other termination was for verbally abusing a student on-line, he said.

Internet access by teachers could create problems and waste time, Ostler said.

School districts have no obligation to supply access to all of their teachers and problems are also increasing with students, he said.

Lawsuits across the nation have popped up as school districts wrestle with student-Internet use, he said.

Youth can access almost any information and some students are even producing questionable Web sites themselves, Ostler said.

School districts have even been sued and lost lawsuits for expelling students for producing explicit material on their Web sites, he said.

A school district must prove that a student publication interrupts the educational well being of the school, Ostler said.

Many schools have tried to place a filtering system in their computers. Filters keep Web sites with explicit words off of the computer, he said.

Some school districts and libraries have been sued for using filters. The Supreme Court ruled that any library that offers public service is considered a public forum, Ostler said.

Public libraries are not allowed to filter their computers because filters are related to banning books, he said.

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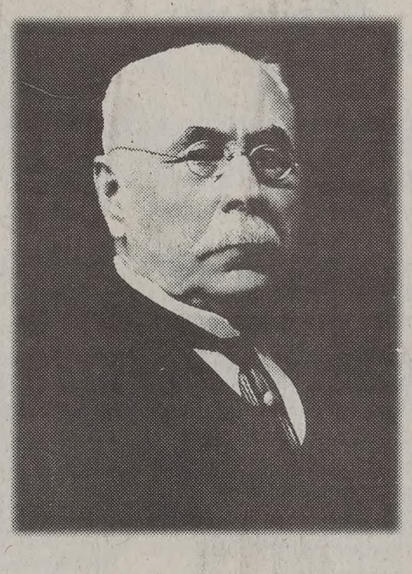

The Homecoming Opening Ceremonies Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the Marriott Center will create an air of exciting school spirit and launch a week of Homecoming activities that culminate with the BYU/San Diego State football game Saturday.

The Tuesday festivities will provide a glimpse into those events, including a greeting by President Merrill J. Bateman, an appearance by football coach LaVell Edwards, a sneak preview of the Homecoming Spectacular, the rousing sounds of the Cougar Marching Band, and a tribute to the Founders Day honoree, Jesse Knight.

President Bateman will introduce this year's theme, "A Sterling Celebration, 125 Incredible Years." It reflects the university's progress from humble beginnings and financial struggles to worldwide influence and its significant use of technology and long-distance learning. With the choice of Jesse Knight, the theme also shows an industrious willing servant who many times provided needed resources at crucial times in the university's history.

The theme reflects the mining background of Knight, who after scrambling most of his life to make a living, discovered a rich vein of silver and other ores that allowed him to become a great benefactor to BYU and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Knight's great-grandson, Jesse Lee Knight, will offer the Founders Day remarks.

To acknowledge the 75th anniversary of the College of Fine Arts, current and past students of the college will offer a tribute to Knight called "Jewels of the Earth." A video about Jesse Knight will highlight the music and dance number, which will also be shown Thursday and Friday at Homecoming Spectacular.

As an additional honor to Knight, Tiffany Gee will read her winning entry from the annual student-wide George H. Brimhall essay contest. The print journalism major from Austin, Texas, wrote about founder Knight in a reflective essay called "Hand Over Hand."

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Recognize reality: President's power limited

Tonight is the last scheduled debate between presidential candidates Al Gore and George W. Bush. It is our chance, as voters, to hear both candidates' stands on the issues.

Hopefully this time, Gore, Bush and the moderator will not only stick to the issues, but the issues that actually matter — issues that will help voters make informed decisions.

During last week's debate in North Carolina, both candidates pledged their commitment to education. Vice President Al Gore called it his "No. 1 priority," and Gov. George W. Bush said "no child should be left behind."

But there is one hitch: The president has about as much to do with education as the head of the CIA does.

The U.S. presidency may be the most powerful office in the world, but Utah Gov. Mike Leavitt has much more discretion over education in the state.

Bush may support a school voucher system, but it was his brother, Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, that had the power to put such a plan into action.

Al Gore may oppose using public money to fund private education, but if local leaders disagree, there is nothing he could do as president to change policy.

Education is certainly an important topic for public debate, but presidential candidates spouting about vague plans they could not implement is something like crying over spilt milk.

The same goes for debate and campaign topics like oil prices, the new abortion pill and the stock market. Presidents have little or no control over these matters.

Article II of the Constitution of the United States gives the president power in handling the military and various political appointments. Thus, he has enormous responsibility over foreign affairs and appointing Supreme Court Justices.

Over time, the presidency has gathered some additional powers, mostly through the creation of executive departments like the Environmental Protection Agency.

However, the president cannot legislate, cannot control local authorities and does not control the economy.

The U.S. government was designed in a way that one person could not have control over everything. Power was deliberately divided between states and branches of the federal government.

But it is easier for us, as voters, to imagine that the candidates we vote for can accomplish all they have promised.

However, even a locally elected representative must convince a majority of the House and Senate in order to enact just one program.

So voters should watch the debate tonight and closely follow the campaigns to make informed decisions before Nov. 7. And they should use the real issues to make their decisions.

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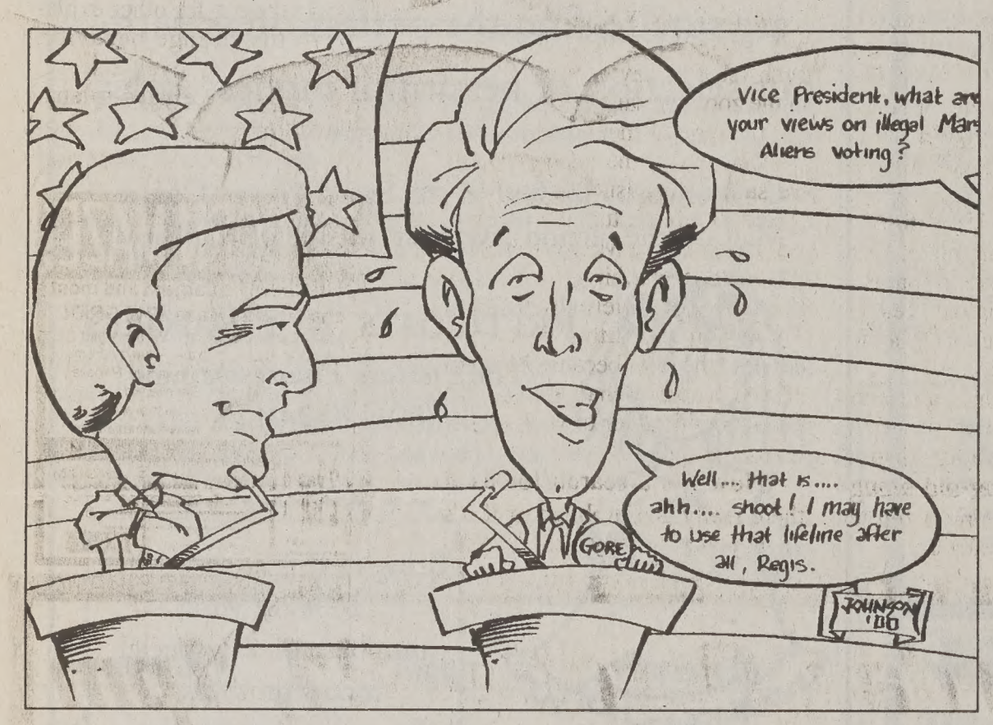
Vice President, what are your views on Illegal Alien Aliens voting?
Well... that is.... ahh.... shoot! I may have to use that lifeline after all, Regis.
GORE
JOHNSON '00

FROM THE FIFTH FLOOR

Newsroom life is demanding, exhilarating

seth blaylock

City Editor

Hi.

I'm Seth, city editor at BYU NewsNet.

I manage the 20 or so reporters that cover the news outside of campus, including local cities and politics.

It isn't easy to make sure we are covering everything important, I'm here on the fifth floor of the Wilkinson Student Center all hours of the day. I'm busy.

I love it, but I'm busy.

The semester is half over, and I still don't have it together.

I have a green planner that I fill every night with goals, checklists for the day. I write down homework assignments, projects for work and general errands: things like "buy pencil" and "cash check" and "wash car."

These last items almost never get checked off. Right now I am pencil-less and money-less, and my car is covered in dust.

I don't get around to things like that. I'm too busy managing reporters and editing stories.

I'm too busy fielding calls and writing articles.

My job description calls for 20 hours a week, but I'm usually here for 25-30. This, combined with 15 credit hours, takes up all my time.

One day last week I was up here on the fifth floor from 8:30 a.m. until past midnight. The night editor was sick, and I had to help out. My day started with the daily morning coordination meeting and ended when the pages were on their way to the press.

It was a long day, but I don't mind. This is what I love.

I'm a news junkie.

My addiction started when I began working here two years ago as a reporter.

For four hours of class credit, I spent almost 20 hours a week in the newsroom, learning the ropes, covering my beat and writing stories.

I learned how to use a video camera and created news stories for television consumption. I cultivated a radio voice.

I did it to learn.

I did it to get a good grade.

But I mostly did it to help put out a great newspaper, to add great content to the NewsNet Web site.

I neglected homework, friends, doctor's appointments and sleep.

It was exhilarating.

The experience didn't break me, but made me want more. That summer, I wrote for a local newspaper.

Fall Semester 1999, I applied for a NewsNet job and was accepted as associate Web editor. I was the night editor Winter Semester 2000.

I spent my summer in New York City, working on a major news Web site at night. Now it is my last year at BYU, and I am the city editor.

All these positions have intruded into my social life, homework assignments and sanity.

But there are substantial rewards for going crazy over the news.

My reward comes in the form of a well-written and researched story, a nice photo, a great looking front page. My reward is seeing students read the newspaper over lunch in the Wilkinson Student Center.

So I will continue to work at NewsNet, on the fifth floor of the WSC.

I will love it, despite the long hours, stress and lack of sleep.

That's it. I just wanted you to know.

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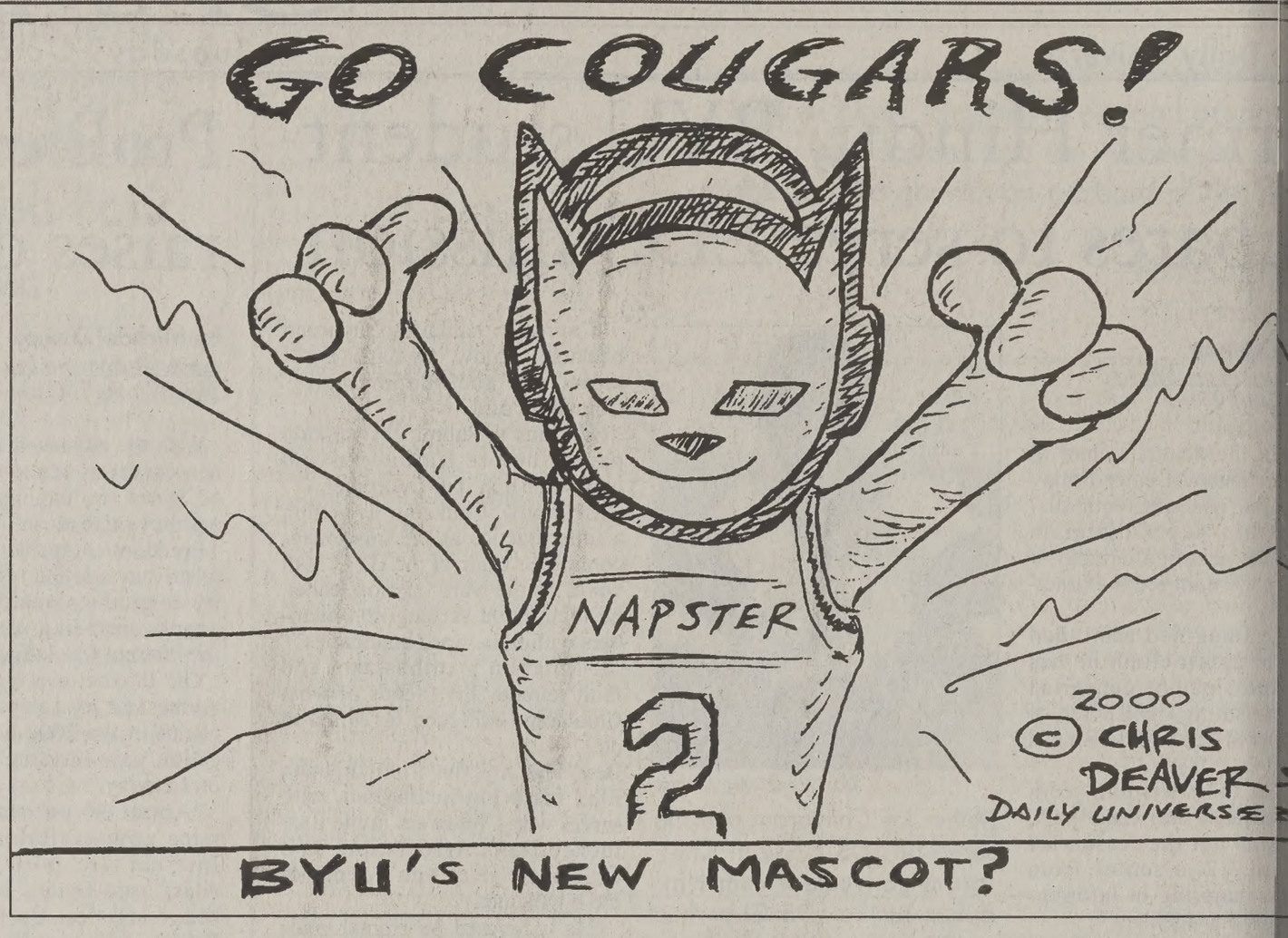


READERS' FORUM

Letters don't speak for all

Dear Editor,

I just wanted to write and thank many of the students who have taken the time to write into the Readers' Forum. Many of us have very busy schedules, and one of the ways that I have found to take a break from my stress and have a good laugh is to read the letters to the editor. Thank you for the free comedy.

I see a pretty funny dichotomy in the Readers' Forum. Of course there are always a few thoughtful, intelligently written letters about real issues, but it seems like there are way too many letters dealing with the Honor Code.

These letters seem to fall into two categories: 1) those written by self-righteous zealots who take offense (though I bet none is ever intended) when someone disobeys the Honor Code and 2) those written by people who disobey the Honor Code and then are dumb enough to act surprised that someone is annoyed. It's surprising, funny and also kind of sad that there are people who don't get what the Honor Code is all about. It's about maintaining your own personal integrity and helping others to do the same, not pointing fingers when you see others who don't quite measure up.

Maybe it's just me in my circle of association, but I don't think either of these extremes represent the majority of the student body here. I think most of us just realize that we signed the Honor Code, so we live according to our consciences. However, I know I speak for many when I thank you for the comic relief.

Mike Gilchrist
Colville, Wash.

Half-staff respect

Dear Editor,

During spring and summer terms, it seemed that BYU would fly its flag at half-staff every other day for reasons that only a slight few knew about or cared about. This bothered me, for flying the flag at half-staff has always been a symbol of national mourning or respect. Since Fall Semester has started, that problem seems to have been resolved.

After the attack against the USS Cole, I wondered if BYU would recognize this tragedy and honor the lives of those killed and injured. When I got to school Friday morning, there I saw the flag flying at half-staff. I was touched to see that these servicemen and women were not forgotten. I have many friends and relatives who are on active duty. So, to me, this symbol brought some relief. They are in my prayers.

Ruben Urias
Garden Grove, Calif.

Debate disturbances

Dear Editor,

I was disturbed by Al Gore in Wednesday's debate when indirectly he attacked Bush because Texas was ranked 49th in children's health care. The problem with Gore's attack is twofold.

First, Gore makes the underlying assumption that health care is the responsibility of government. This is appalling. It reminds me of getting my diaper changed. Now it is federally run health care (imagine all the red tape and waiting in lines). Next it will be federally run dinner meals for "working families" and after that it will be federally run bedtime stories and diaper changing! But seriously, do we really need bureaucrats to take us to the doctor?

The second problem with Gore's attack is he uses this statistic about children to somewhat demonize Bush as irresponsible and "uncaring" so that he might appeal to the emotions of the more ignorant masses.

Typically we'd refer to this as a "cheap shot."

I think more children would have health care if it were the adults having the children. We have come to a point of "societal immaturity" where either children are having children or adults who act like children are having children. Thus, we need a federal "mommy and daddy" to provide. We ought to have a government that expects responsibility and independence from its citizens. I once remember a president who said, "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country." Finally, I'm sick of the candidates debating about who cares FOR me more. I don't need someone to care FOR me -- maybe care ABOUT me—but not FOR me. The only diaper that needs to be managed is the current administration, and, boy, does it smell rotten. Stop the federal diaper changing!

Josh Daniels
Topeka, Kansas

Readers' Forum letters policy

BYU NewsNet invites students, professors and BYU staff to write letters to the editor. Anonymous letters will not be printed. All letters must be typed and are not to exceed 300 words.

Name, home town and phone number must accompany all letters. All letters are subject to editing for length and clarity. Letters must be submitted in person at BYU NewsNet offices, 5538 WSC, sent by e-mail at letters@du2.byu.edu (no attachments) or faxed to 378-2959. Ali Anderson, opinion editor, can be reached at 378-2957.

Love all — despite sins

Dear Editor,

I'm writing this letter in response to preachy letters about women's clothing, earrings or anything written with that same intent or spirit. Listen, we are all at different levels of progress, but we are all meshed here on one planet. Some people understand some concepts that others don't yet. For example, I might understand everything about tithing and I might keep the commandment of tithing perfectly well, but the guy that is standing next to me might not understand it very well. Can I turn to him and denounce him as a sinner or say he is not following the prophet just because he is still struggling to understand tithing? No, because he is still progressing.

If anyone watched coverage of the interview with President Hinckley during conference, they would have heard the prophet's children say that he never came down on them because of their defects. Rather, he taught by example and gave them confidence that they would turn out okay in the end, and they have so far.

This is my suggestion for everyone to consider and debate. Let's love one another for who we are even though we don't see eye to eye yet. Stop the criticisms, and assume that everyone is doing the best they can even if you think they are being defiant. Be patient, and, if you can't manage to love everyone, try to at least tolerate them.

Douglas Koenig
Atlanta

Closing for conference?

Dear Editor,

"Please don't make people work during conference." I have heard this cry too many times over the past few years. And, as always, the argument is "if campus shuts down for Devotionals on Tuesdays, then certainly it should shut down for general conference, for everyone k... that general conference is much ... important than BYU Devotionals." ... frankly, I don't think that argume... persuasive. BYU Devotionals are u... sity-sponsored events specifically fo... dents. Topics focus on matters uniq... the campus community and are not ... ed to gospel discussion, although t... also stressed. That is why campus ... down, so that all students can ha... opportunity to attend these meeting... are specifically for them.

General conference, however, is fe... general body of the LDS Church, ... its name. Although general confere... extremely important, it is not a h... from work or school. School is st... session, and campus facilities ne... stay open to fulfill the needs of stu... Plus, shutting down campus for one... during the week is far less intrusive ... shutting it down for almost a full ... day, a day many students find to b... only time to get some things done.

We also need to realize that what i... in every session of conference (... priesthood) can be obtained easi... other forms — including the Int... within days after conference is ... Don't forget that in many countries ... side of North America, no one "... conference. Members only read ab... months later (satellite feeds ar... everywhere yet) in versions o... Ensign.

It seems to me that what may s... really big deal to some and a failu... the university by others, is nothing ... than another very small inconveni... that students at this university are fa... for incessantly whining about. In... start looking at all the opportunities ... does give you, rather than those yo... they don't, because the reality is tha... just don't want to work at your b... jobs at the Varsity on a Saturday nig...

Spencer Scott
Salt Lake City

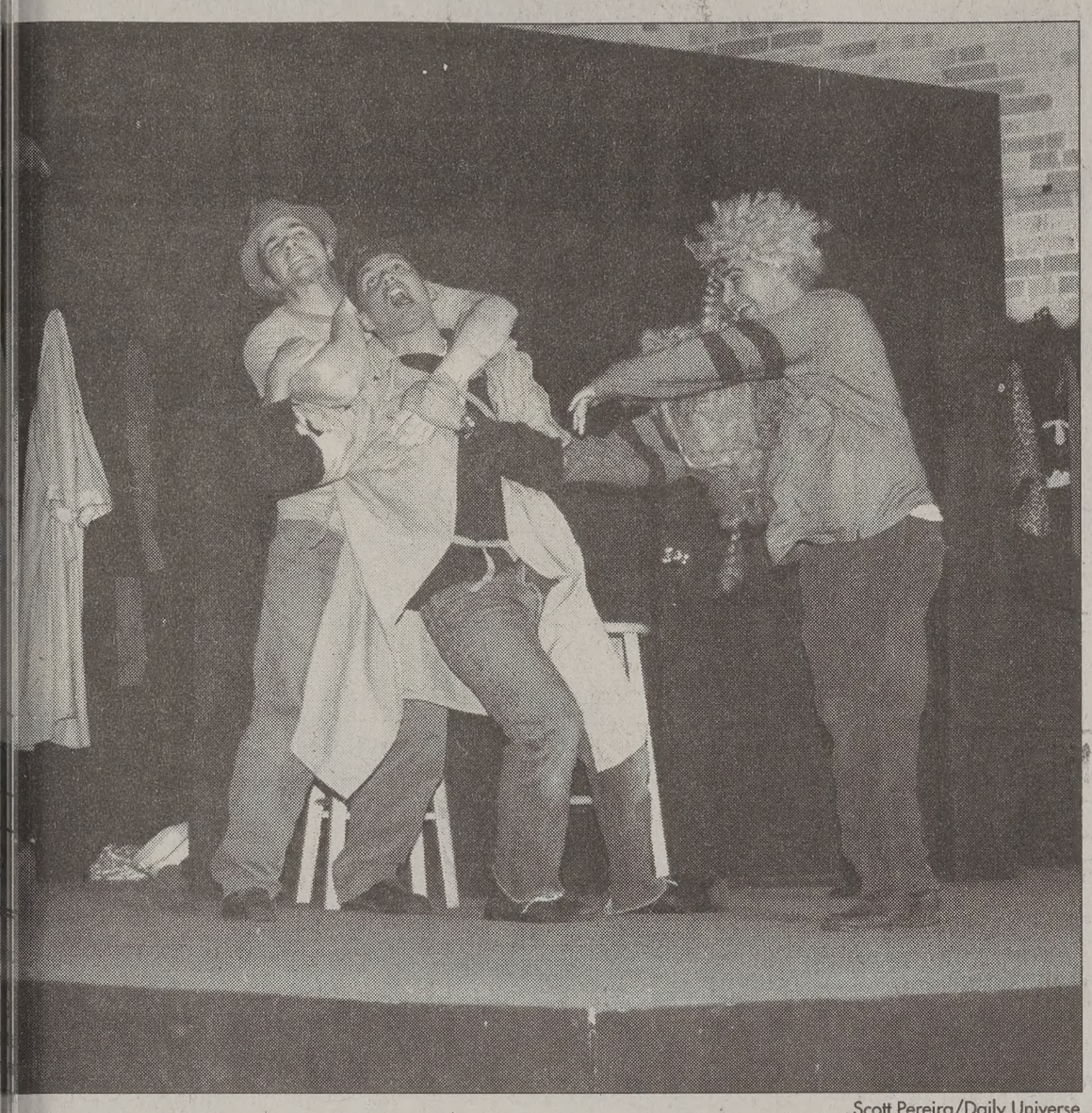
Judge not

Dear Editor,

Sometimes I wonder if many stu... have made the leap from the Old t... Testament. Allow me to address th... troversy over the salvation of th... have two earrings on one ear. To th... ple who may believe these sisters c... love the prophet, let us pull ourselv... of the Law of Moses and into th... where judging is a sin in itself. I ... wonder how many of these Pharise... students condemn two earring wear... damnation and then go French kiss... girlfriends, which (gasp) is also a ... the words of a prophet. In actuality ... are quotes from prophets that s... must keep all the commandment... next time you gawk at a person's ... lage piercing and wonder how l... will be until God smites him or he... inventory of yourself. If you made ... take that week and, yet, still cor... yourself striving for the celestial ... dom, promptly drop your stone and ... away.

I may not be spiritually mature e... at this time to remove my cartilage ... ing, but that certainly doesn't mea... not doing quite well in other are... maybe even better than you who ... So maybe I'm working on taking m... ring out and maybe you're trying ... gawk at girls wearing one-strap ... packs. But I think Christ accepts th... of us. What I would like to know i... one piece of metal through my l... any better than two. I think just b... one piercing is so socially acceptab... it would be too extreme to com... against it, doesn't make it right. So ... all you girls take out your one earri... as well. And I would also like to l... discussion on how many steps w... take on the Sabbath without breakin... nah, I'll save that for another time.

Katie Surwilo
Tulsa, Okla.



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dy Sportz players act out a scene during a performance this year. The team has moved from ation at the Hale Center Theater back to Provo.

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e Champion
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Net Staff Writer

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iedy Sportz is returning to on 36 W. Center Street this after temporarily calling ale Center Theater home ummer.

iedy Sportz is an improvi- nal sport that is played een two teams. The two play various improv games it each other while trying to e audience's vote. Differ- ames are played for each

audience tells the teams the ions and characters to per- in each game. Topics shout- ed out by audience members range from Scooby Doo to Broadway musical style.

At the end of the game, flashlights are held up as votes for the team that was the funniest. The team that wins the most games wins the competition.

Tonia Freeman owns the Provo franchise and Curt Doussett, who referees each game, operates it.

"Every game that we do is based on audience suggestion," Doussett said

"You will laugh the entire show," he said.

This improv sport is part of a franchise that started in 1984 in Milwaukee. It came to Provo in 1999, according to Comedy Sportz's national Web site.

Freeman said she first saw Comedy Sportz in Raleigh, N.C. When she came out to school at BYU, she thought it could work in Provo.

Topics such as politics and religion are not used in the games, Doussett said.

"It takes somebody more intelligent and more clever to be funny without defaulting to those types of topics and subjects," he said.

Comedy Sportz used to be at the Wrapsody, but it moved to the Hale Center Theater because the restaurant closed, Doussett said.

Tickets for shows are $6. Show times are Friday at 8 p.m. and 10:15 p.m., and Saturday at 9 p.m. Workshops are on Tuesday and Wednesday for those interested in becoming Sportz players.

Road kill job thankless, needed

Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. — Donald Quick goes hunting every weekday morning. His tools are a pitchfork and a shovel. His quarry are the deer, possums and squirrels — and sometimes dogs and cats — that end up flattened on city streets.

Quick's is the thankless task to scrape up road kill. Co-workers call him the "Dog Man"; his van is the "Dog Wagon."

"I am the road kill king," Quick says. His fleeting smile reveals Quick's most important tool: morbid humor. It breaks the stress of seeing the small carcasses each day and wondering what awaits at the next pickup on his clipboard.

It also belies how seriously he takes his work. A born-again Christian whose truck radio is tuned to gospel music, Quick admits he gets sad retrieving so many dead animals — 3,000 total a year, many of them pets. The number includes animals picked up from veterinary clinics.

He shakes his head as four stray dogs wander by. "I'll probably have one of them by the end of the day," he says. "Maybe two."

"I think the job is pretty much what you'd imagine," says Shane Parker, county maintenance engineer for Durham County. "If you've ridden down the road and seen a dead animal that's been run over a few times and it's decomposing, imagine how you'd feel dealing with it. It's not pleasant."

Nor is it particularly safe. Quick handles dead animals that might have rabies or other diseases. He does it with cars and trucks rushing by, risking the same fate as the animals.

Quick's philosophy of detached humor is a required outlook for a job that once involved getting a long-dead animal untangled from a soccer net in a city park. Or scooping up a dead pet as its owner watched from a few feet away.

He recounts the time a man pulled up in his car and asked him, "'Do you do that all day long?' I said, 'Yep.'"

The reaction is common. Few people can refrain from asking at least a few questions, he says.

Most days, it takes only a few hours to fill the back of his truck with animal carcasses, bagged garbage and other road debris that will be dumped at the city landfill.

"I don't think the average person living in Durham gives much thought to what happens to a dead animal on the side of the road," says Chris Boyer, superintendent of the Roadway Appearance Division of the city's Public Works Department. "This is one job that people don't always realize that their tax dollars pay for.

He averages a dozen animals a day.

"I think it says that there's a high level of irresponsibility among pet owners," says Cindy Bailey of the Durham County Animal Control and Animal Shelter. "They don't always consider the pet as part of the family. They consider it disposable property. If they come home and the pet is dead in the driveway or in the road, they can have another one by sundown."

Orangutan shows recent abusive behavior

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — After Rufus struggled with behavioral disorders and fought with his mate, those who take care of him became concerned and sent him to LDS Hospital for an MRI examination.

But he's no ordinary patient. Rufus is an orangutan at the Hogle Zoo.

A magnetic resonance imaging scan of the animal's brain Saturday showed no abnormalities, hospital radiologists said.

The violent behavior Rufus has displayed against his mate, Eve, for the past two years remains a mystery. His psychiatrist (yes, he has one) believes Rufus has a disruptive behavior disorder.

John Helfre, a child and adolescent psychiatrist in suburban Sandy, came up with the diagnosis after the 12-year-old orangutan went from being a tender primate to an angry abuser.

"He has poor impulse control. He cannot modulate his emotions in a manner with a mate concordantly," Helfre said as physicians loaded Rufus on a bed that slides inside the halo of the MRI machine.

"Any frustrations he experiences results with him being quite punitive with Eve, biting her, scratching her. He won't even let Eve have fun with toys in the zoo," he said.

That type of mental disorder is associated with humans but Helfre said it's unusual for it to be linked to a brain tumor. Handlers wanted to do the MRI just in case it revealed something.

Hogle Zoo veterinarian Tracy Thompson asked the hospital to conduct the tests because she suspected Rufus' behavior resulted from a brain tumor or fluid on the brain.

"Now it's a search for us if there really is a problem or if it's all psychologically based," said zoo publicist Stacey Phillips.

Rufus was heavily sedated during the test, with a rope net securing his body to a stretcher.

The hospital performed the test for free as a goodwill gesture toward the community, said spokesman Jess Gomez.

Thompson took Rufus' blood and plans to test it for other explanations to his strange behavior, perhaps a virus or liver disease. She said it will take days to analyze the samples.

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Nina

junior• MB
Murray

Major: Zoology

Tidbit: Favorite movie is "The Princess Bride"

Karina

freshman• setter
Murray

Major: Undeclared

Tidbit: Sports hero is Michael Jordan

SUNNY & KALANI TONGA

Sunny

sophomore•OH
Allen, Texas

Major: Education

Tidbit: Favorite animal is a pig

Kalani

freshman•OH
Allen, Texas

Major: History

Tidbit: Hobbies include singing and playing the piano and guitar

By Brian Hintze
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NewsNet Sports Writer

For the BYU women's volleyball team, family matters. It's the stuff the team is made of — literally.

Kalani and Sunny Tonga along with Nina and Karina Puikkonen comprise four out of the six starters on BYU's volleyballs team.

They wouldn't have it any other way.

"We're best friends. We do everything together. We live together; we eat together; I love it," Kalina said.

Both of the Tonga sisters have been conditioned to be volleyball prodigies since they were young.

Their father realized that he couldn't afford a college education for his daughters and volleyball might be their only chance.

"He has basically been coaching us since we could walk.

"I can remember a time when I wanted to go to the community pool and my dad said that I could only go if I took a weight belt and did squats while I was in the pool. I said, 'Oh no.' He said, 'Oh yes, we're going,'" Kalina said.

Despite their father's rigorous attitude concerning volleyball, both sisters always felt his love and true desire for their success.

"I can remember when I was four or five, breaking lamps because he would be hitting balls at us in the house," Sunny said.

Unlike many siblings in sports, these sisters have never felt much competition on the volleyball court.

"We're a lot different in our personalities. When I get mad, I play better.

"Sunny is not that way, she's way more sensitive. She was always the one that would go looking for Mom if dad got too tough," Kalani said.

Family has always been an important part of these sisters.

Even though their father has been their key motivation in volleyball, their mother has been an inspiration in life.

"Our mom is the best — she is just fun.

"I remember when I played soccer and I was the goalie. She would make the coolest goalie uniforms. She would also make Sunny these cute dresses and five minutes later she would look out and she'd be all muddy," Kalina said.

Perhaps it is their sisterly bond that makes them such a great tandem on the court.

Whatever formula they use, it sure seems to work.

The Puikkonen (pronounced PWEEK-a-nen) sisters have traveled a somewhat different road to reach the same plateau the Tonga sisters have found.

Both sisters confessed that there has never been much competition between them.

"I didn't start playing until I was a sophomore, and I played her position so I just kind of watched her play," Karina said.

Karina was a big part of her older sister's volleyball progression when she would set for her at their local chapel.

"The only glory comes in hitting. I was the ward organist so I had a key to the church so when no one was there, we'd go in and set up the nets and I would make Karina set me," said Nina, who was awarded with her fourth Mountain West Conference Player of the Week Monday.

Much like the Tonga's father, the Puikkonen's father took a serious interest in their athletics.

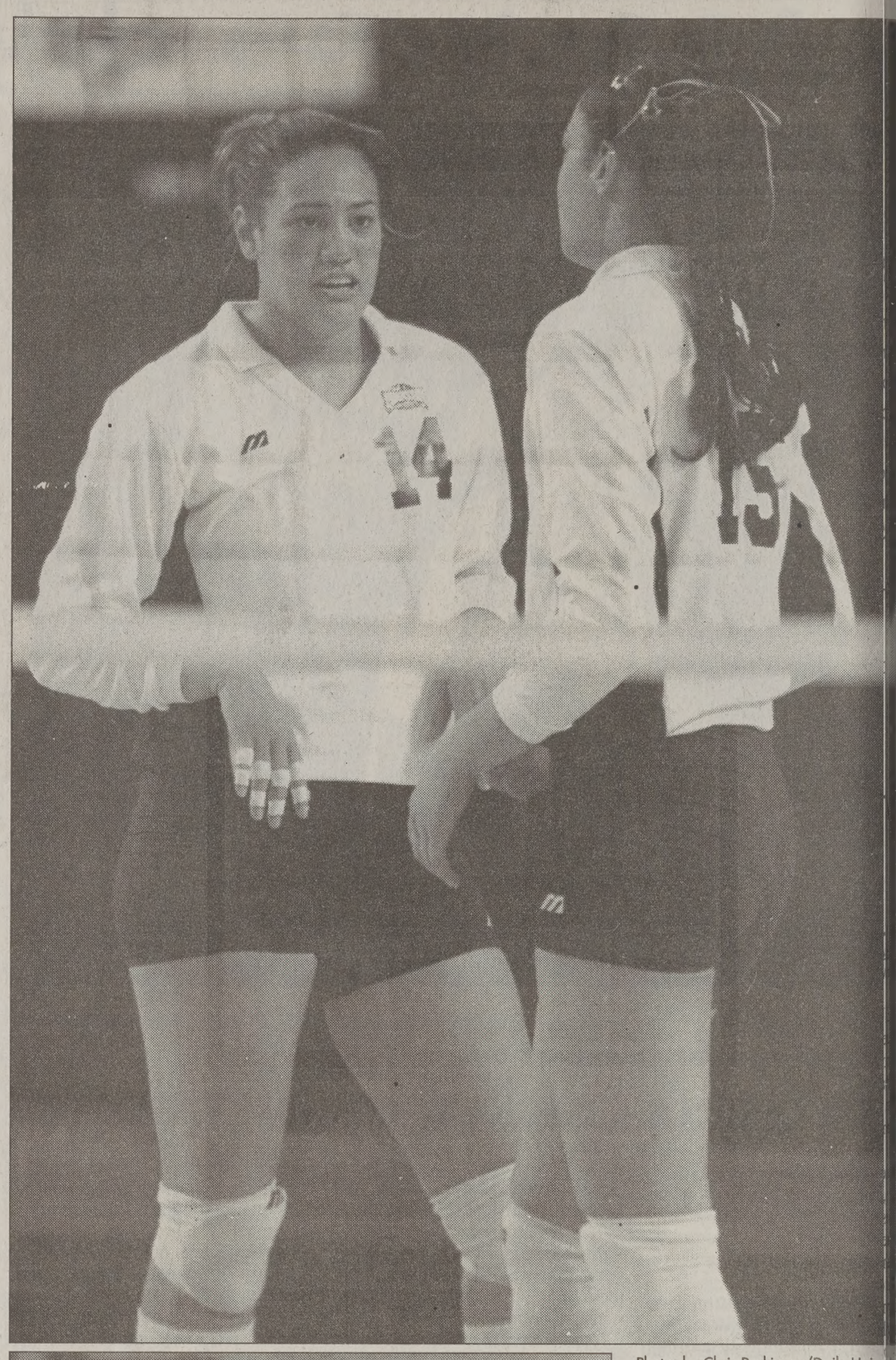
"He never really pushed us when we were young, but once we started playing competitively, he really got into it."

Since their father grew up in Finland, he realizes this amazing opportunity for his daughters to play side by side on a collegiate volleyball team.

"Our dad never had a chance to play organized sports in Finland so he loves the fact that we can play together," Nina said.

Both parents attend every home match that BYU plays.

Both sisters love playing with each other and are confident that the remainder of the their 2000 season will be a success.



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Above: Kalani, left, and Su converse during their matc against Air Force last week Left: Karina, left, and Nina often look to each other for support.

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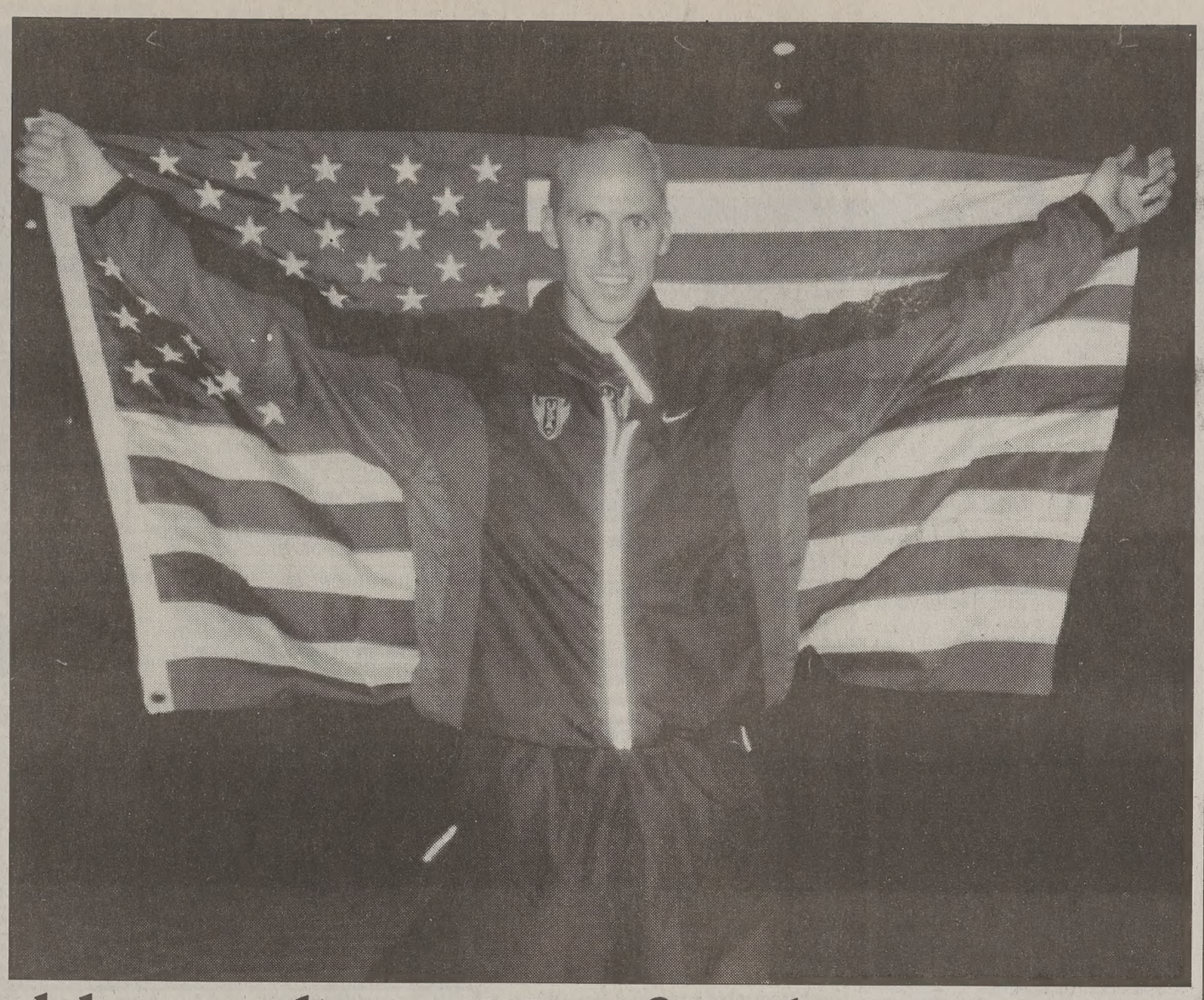

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olo gold, no glory? Not for this Cougar

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U student Jason Pyrah ned home to less fanfare than other Olympic athletes did. bably because he didn't win medal.

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ever, the facts are these: Of 0,000 athletes competing for share of the 928 medals ed at the Olympics, only 97 medals were won by U.S. tes, according to inbcolympics.com.

ough a medal is the ultimate tive for an athlete, Pyrah's 0 finish in the finals of the meter race was enough for o achieve his goals.

his finish was something for be proud of.

"I set goals for myself all the way leading up to the Olympics and then set short-term goals once again when I got there," Pyrah said.

"I feel that I did what I set out to do."

"It had been my goal all year to make the Olympic finals," he said.

"Once that was accomplished, the next big goal was to be the last American standing."

Which he was.

And according to Pyrah, qualifying for the finals, while two of his teammates did not, may be enough to make the argument that he was the top American runner in the 1500-meter this year.

As a 10-year veteran of the sport, that label would be an accomplishment that may push him to continue running competitively.

Of course, there are circumstances that would have to fall into place for that to happen.

"Things may change, priorities may change," Pyrah said.

"If I can continue to be successful and can build on what I did this year ... and if the Olympics become such that I could win a medal in Athens, then it may be worth running for another five or six years."

But according to Pyrah, that would largely depend on other things, including his ability to avoid injury and determine whether or not training will be worth his time and effort.

"I've competed in two Olympic games – one at home and one in a foreign country – and by having done that I am very happy with what I have accomplished," Pyrah said.

"There is not much more that I could ask for."

Now that Pyrah has returned home, his focus now is to get through his masters program at BYU.

"The Olympics this summer pushed me back another semester," Pyrah said.

"It's been three years and you only have a five year window (to complete the program) ... I'd hate to have to have to drag it on that much longer."

Mets score Series spot in playoffs last night

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Mike Hampton did what he was brought to New York to do: pitch the Mets into the World Series — and a possible subway one at that. Hampton pitched a three-hitter and the Mets started their clinching party early with a three-run first inning Monday night as they beat the St. Louis Cardinals 7-0 and won the NL championship series 4-1.

The game got testy at the end when Dave Veres hit Jay Payton in the helmet with a 1-2 pitch with two outs in the eighth inning. Payton, bleeding over his left eye, charged the mound and the dugouts and bullpens emptied as police in riot gear lined the field.

That was the only thing that could dampen this night for the Mets. New York won its fourth NL pennant and first since 1986, joining the 1997 Florida Marlins as the only wild card teams to make the World Series.

The Mets also earned four days off before beginning the World Series on Saturday night, either a train ride away at Yankee Stadium for the first Subway Series since 1956 or across the country in Seattle.

The three-run first off a rusty Pat Hentgen turned baseball's most dangerous pinch hitter into a non-factor once again. Mighty Mark McGwire, limited to pinch-hitting duty because of tendinitis in his right knee, didn't bat until the ninth inning with the Cardinals down by seven and he grounded out.

Big Mac finished 0-for-2 with an intentional walk and could only blow bubbles as the Cardinals season ended following another wild outing by rookie Rick Ankiel.

Todd Zeile's three-run double in the fourth inning knocked out Hentgen and sent the Shea Stadium crowd of 55,695 into a frenzy. Zeile drove in eight runs against the team he broke into the majors with in 1989.

The series was especially sweet for Hampton and Mike Piazza, who both had struggled in the postseason before this series. Piazza, a .211 hitter with two homers and seven RBIs in his first five playoff series, batted .412 with two homers and four RBIs against the Cardinals.

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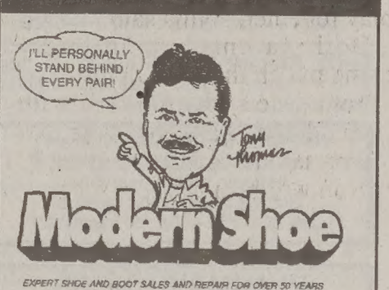

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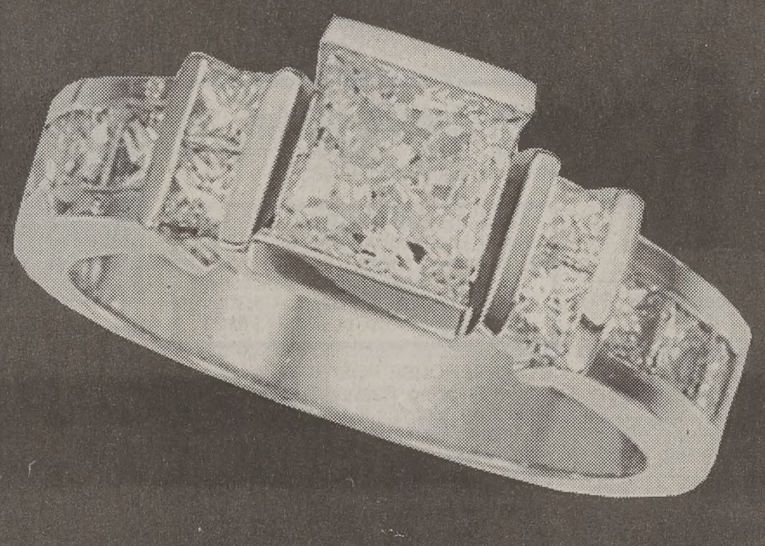
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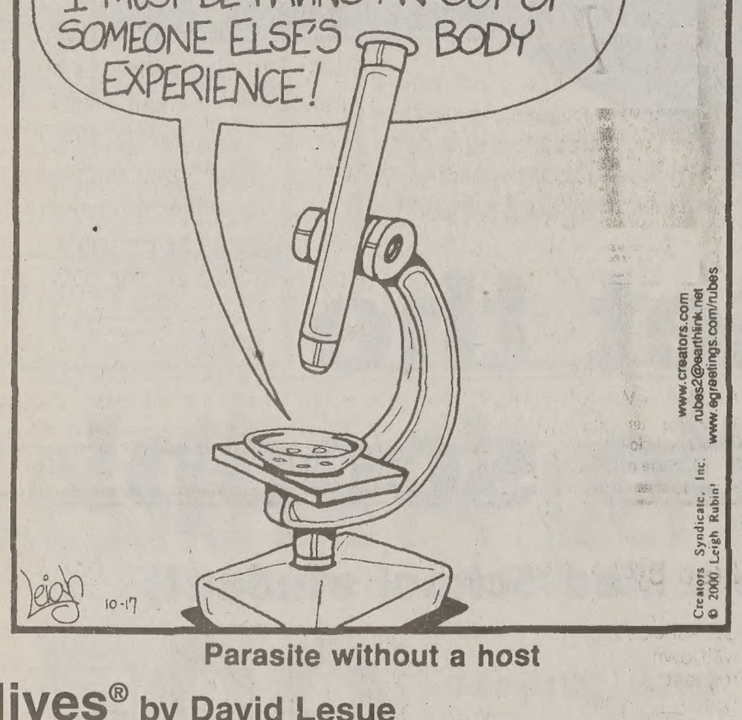
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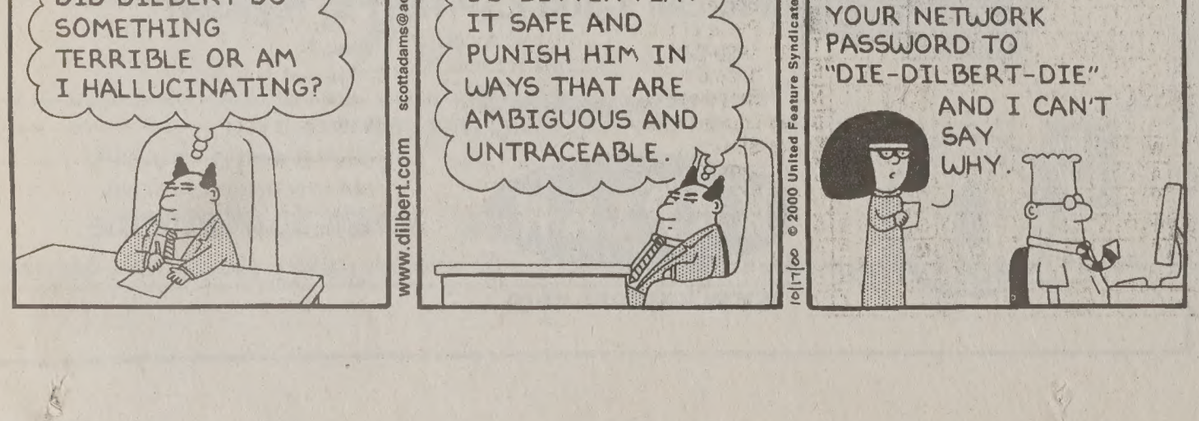
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Milosevic's party to share power

Associated Press

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia — Slobodan Milosevic's party agreed Monday to share power with President Vojislav Kostunica's followers in the government of Yugoslavia's main republic, Serbia, until early elections are held there.

Serbian legislative elections, which had been expected to be held next autumn, were set for Dec. 23.

The agreement, signed by aides to Kostunica and representatives of the pro-Milosevic government of Serbia, represented an important advance for the pro-democracy movement in its efforts to sweep the old order from all remaining positions of power.

Under the deal, reached after more than a week of negotiations, Milosevic's Socialist Party will keep the office of the prime minister. But the prime minister will be able to make decisions only in consensus with two deputy prime ministers, one from Kostunica's camp and the other from the Serbian Renewal Movement, another opposition group.

The Serbian ministries of police, information, justice and finance will be shared between appointees from the Socialist party and Kostunica's Democratic Opposition of Serbia, according to the agreement.

The Serbian parliament, now dominated by Milosevic's Socialists, is to be dissolved later this month.

The agreement, signed byy the three parties, made no mention of what happens to the Serbian presidency.

The term of Milutinovic, a Milosevic ally, does not run out until 2002. It appeared he would be allowed to serve out his time in office. Although the president nominates the prime minister, his choice would have to be ratified by the new parliament.

Kostunica aide Zoran Djindjic said he was satisfied with the deal.

"We accomplished two results, early elections and a joint government until that period," he told reporters.

"The important thing is that ... the people get through winter," he said, alluding to the financial and economic ruin left in Serbia in the wake of Milosevic's 13 years of rule.

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Discovery astronauts install docking port

Associated Press

SPACE CENTER, Houston — A spacewalking duo drifted out of space shuttle Discovery on Monday and helped install a docking port on the international space station.

It was the second spacewalk in as many days for the shuttle crew. Altogether, four spacewalks are planned for this space station construction mission.

Astronauts Jeff Wisoff and Michael Lopez-Alegria floated out to the sound of music from an Austin Powers movie, a favorite of the crew.

"That was awesome," Wisoff said.

The spacewalkers' first task was to release latches and bolts securing the new docking port in Discovery's cargo bay. At first, they ran into trouble when their power drills would not loosen the latches, and they fell behind as they repeated their steps.

After more than an hour, Wisoff and Lopez-Alegria were back on track and got all the latches and bolts loose.

Shuttle robot arm operator Koichi Wakata lifted the 2,700-pound structure to the proper spot near the bottom of the 140-foot space station jutting out of the cargo bay. Because of the tight clearances, Wisoff and Lopez-Alegria were needed to help guide it in to its berth on the station.

It was a slow process, but in the end, everything worked.

The spacewalkers' next step for the planned 6 1/2-hour spacewalk was the relatively easy job of connecting cables between the docking port and the space station's Unity module.

Bill McArthur and Leroy Chiao kicked off the four days of exterior work Sunday, spending six hours working on the aluminum framework that was installed on the station the day before. Their excitement, particularly that of spacewalk rookie McArthur, streamed through the radio lines as they toiled 240 miles up.

"Woo-hoo!" McArthur shouted again and again. "This is too cool."

McArthur performed his chores while strapped to the end of Discovery's 50-foot robot arm.

"I was wondering what it was going to be like being out on the end of the arm, not being able to see the shuttle," he said. "It's a strange feeling. My toes are curling right up."

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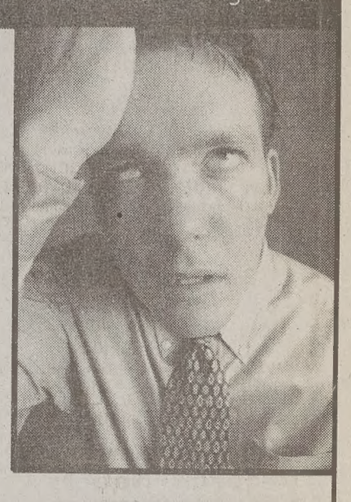

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College costs up 4.4 percent

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The price of a college degree continues to rise faster than inflation, since tuition and fees at public four-year colleges have risen an average 4.4 percent and even more at private schools, the College Board reported Monday.

Its survey also found that loans provided a growing chunk of the extra money students need to pay for college degrees.

Average in-state tuition and fees at public four-year schools this fall is $3,510 per year — $148 more than last year, according to the survey. On-campus room and board now averages $4,960, up 5.1 percent.

At private four-year colleges, tuition and fees average $16,332, up 5.2 percent from last year. Room and board on campus is now $6,209, a 4.2 percent increase.

Only public two-year schools, chiefly community colleges, stayed below the current inflation rate — but barely. Tuition rose this year to $1,705, up 3.4 percent, the survey found.

Private two-year schools boosted tuition and fees to $7,458, a 7 percent rise.

This pattern follows an old, familiar trend, said Joni Finney, a policy analyst at the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education in San Jose, Calif. "Colleges and universities have a very difficult time controlling their costs," she said.

"These institutions were underfunded in the early part of the '90s," Finney said. "But they've more than made up for lost ground."

But Stanley Ikenberry, president of the American Council on Education, an umbrella group for higher education, said: "Given the large, fixed costs of most campuses, in personnel and facilities especially, these numbers show institutions are working hard to hold the line on increases."

The recent increases push past inflation. The Consumer Price Index rose 2.7 percent in 1999; the first eight months of this year, consumer prices rose at an annual rate of 3.5 percent. Last year, college tuition and fees rose less than 5 percent.

The survey continues what has been happening for most of the 20th century, said Morton Schapiro, a higher education economist and president of Williams College. Except for the late '70s and early '80s, college cost-increases largely have exceeded inflation, he said.

"About 20 years ago, there was a period of time when the real cost of higher education was falling. But then they more than made up for that," Schapiro said.

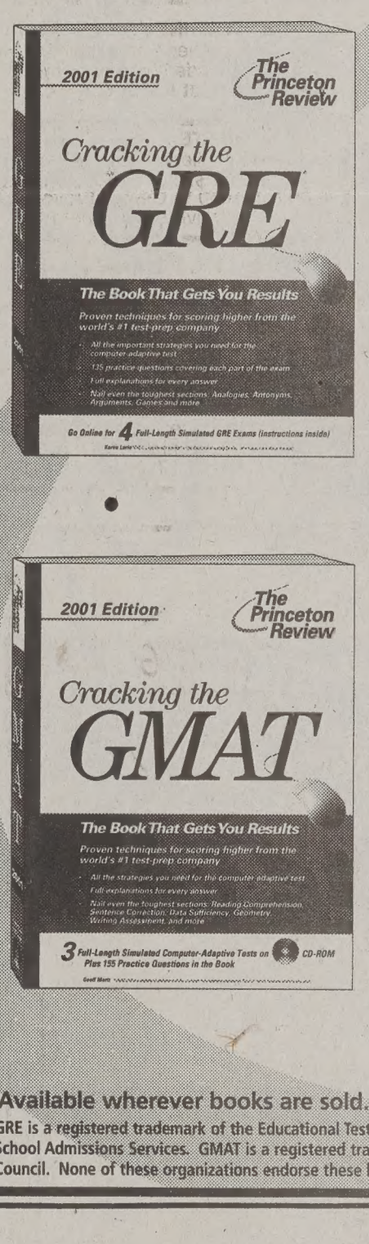
Despite the increases, college remains affordable and a good investment, College Board President Gaston Caperton said. "In both earning potential and learning potential, you cannot beat the value of a college education," the former West Virginia governor said.

The College Board's figures reflect the costs for 6.4 million full-time undergraduates - 54 percent attending four-year public institutions; 27 percent at four-year private schools, 17 percent at two-year community colleges and 1 percent at private two-year schools.

A majority of students need grants or loans — or both — but their exact numbers are unknown, a College Board spokesman said.

Last school year, loans made up 59 percent of a record $68 billion in financial aid. A decade ago, loans made up just over 41 percent of student financial help.

Scoring after college gets a lot tougher.



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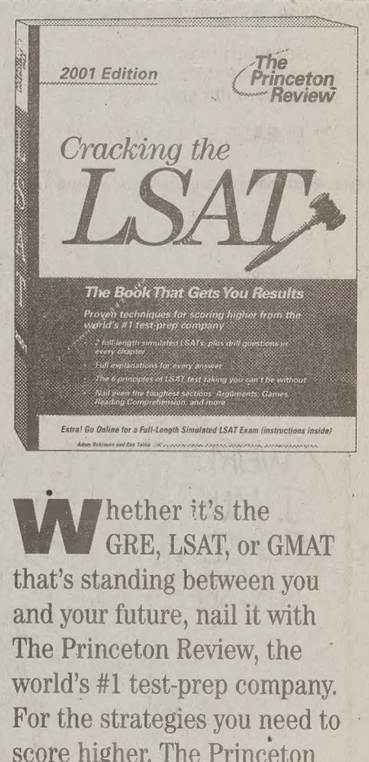

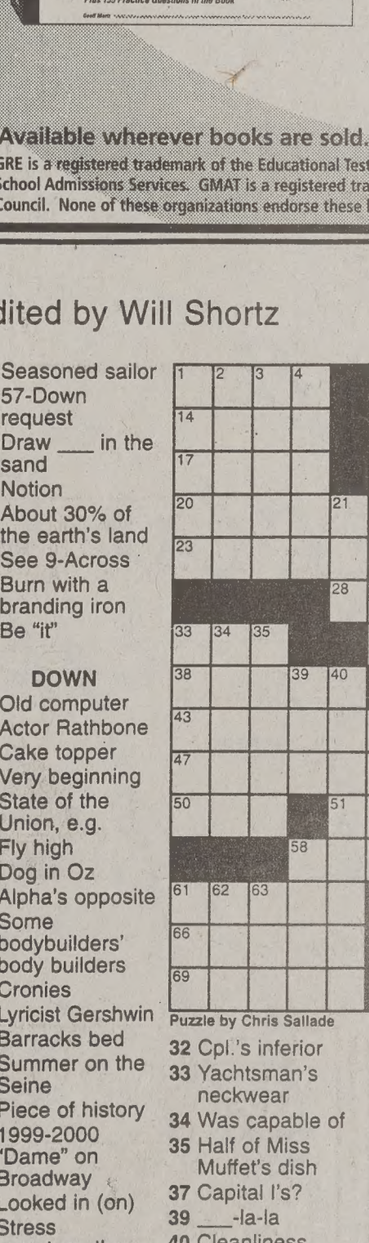

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...ny the Tiger to spring to court

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...SHINGTON — Let the fur ...ny the Tiger can go to court ...t another well-known car... ...rademark: the tiger in the ...ut a Tiger in Your Tank" ...ising campaign.

...Monday, oil giant Exxon ... Corp. lost a bid to head off ... over whether its cartoon ...violates cereal-maker Kel... ...Co.'s trademark for Tony. ...upreme Court, without ...ent, let stand a lower court ...that it isn't too late for Kel... ...to make the trademark ... even though both trade... ...1 tigers have been around ...re than 30 years.

...is set for Jan. 16 in federal ...h Memphis, Tenn.

...re pleased that we'll finally ... to present our case," Kel... ...spokeswoman Chris Ervin

...gg contends Exxon retired ...r in the 1980s, but then ...out with new ads in the ...featuring a revised tiger ...ing various food and con...e items sold at Exxon gas ...

...suit filed four years ago, ...g claimed the new tiger ...tions infringe on the Tony ...ark because Exxon was ...ing its unnamed tiger to ...od, not gasoline. Kellogg ...nsumers are confused by ...ilarity between the cartoon ...and may conclude that Kel... somehow behind soda, ...eland other items for sale at ...'s TigerMart stores.

...ers can tell the difference, ...spokesman Tom Cirigliano countered Monday.

"The Exxon cartoon tiger has peacefully coexisted with a number of tiger trademarks, including Tony, for many, many years," Cirigliano said. "We're quite confident that consumers recognize the Exxon cartoon tiger and do not confuse it with Tony the Tiger."

He would not speculate on the financial consequences to Exxon if it loses and is required to stop using the tiger to sell food. Kellogg is not trying to stop Exxon from using the figure to sell gasoline.

Tony the Tiger debuted in 1952 and has appeared on every box of Kellogg's Frosted Flakes since. Between 1952 and 1995, the company sold $5.3 billion worth of the cereal, Kellogg said. Millions of children also know Tony as the cereal's gruff-voiced TV pitchman during Saturday morning cartoons.

Exxon, then known as Standard Oil, introduced its cartoon tiger in 1964. The trademarked tiger was used in advertising and in promotional giveaways. Later, a real tiger was used in many ads.

The oil company, the world's largest, has been known as Exxon Mobil since its merger with Mobil Co. last year.

In the appeal acted on Monday, Exxon's lawyers had argued that Kellogg lost the right to sue by waiting so long to do so. Exxon cited a doctrine of law that says even a valid claim can be voided by negligence or laxness in pursuing it.

Exxon argued that other federal courts have interpreted the standard differently in trademark cases, and asked the Supreme Court to settle those differences by declaring the doctrine applies.

Kellogg lawyers, meanwhile, argued that the doctrine should not apply, saying they weren't lax since they were responding to the new ads in the 1990s.

The case now goes back where it started, for a trial before the same federal judge who threw out Kellogg's claims in 1998. The 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals later resurrected the case.

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1 "... and carry ___ stick"
5 Concerning
9 With 69-Across, locales for this puzzle's theme
14 Mugger repellent
15 Ensure the failure of
16 Divination deck
17 "Who ___?" (knock response)
18 History test answer
19 Make giddy with delight
20 "Kitty Foyle" Oscar winner
23 Vice president with a "Jr." in his name
24 Brouhaha
25 Over: Fr.
28 ___ Spumante
31 Baby bottle topper
33 U.N.C. is in it
36 Word from the wise
38 Where birds fly in the fall
41 What "it" plays
42 Pittsburgh product
43 Brown-nose
46 A.M.A. members
47 "Ripe" stage of life
48 Jacob's twin
50 6-pointers
51 Altar avowal
53 Dishes
58 TV staple since 1969
61 Have dinner at home
64 Seasoned sailor
65 57-Down request
66 Draw ___ in the sand
67 Notion
68 About 30% of the earth's land
69 See 9-Across
70 Burn with a branding iron
71 Be "it"

DOWN

1 Old computer
2 Actor Rathbone
3 Cake topper
4 Very beginning
5 State of the Union, e.g.
6 Fly high
7 Dog in Oz
8 Alpha's opposite
9 Some bodybuilders' body builders
10 Cronies
11 Lyricist Gershwin
12 Barracks bed
13 Summer on the Seine
21 Piece of history
22 1999-2000 "Dame" on Broadway
27 Looked in (on)
26 Stress symptom, they say
27 Projection booth items
29 "Later!"
30 "___ at the office"
32 Cpl.'s inferior
33 Yachtsman's neckwear
34 Was capable of
35 Half of Miss Muffet's dish
37 Capital I's?
39 ___-la-la
40 Cleanliness regimens
44 Agents from D.C.
45 Eminem, e.g.
49 Nth deg.
52 Caravan's spot
54 Rich tapestry
55 Flirt with
56 Goosebump-raising
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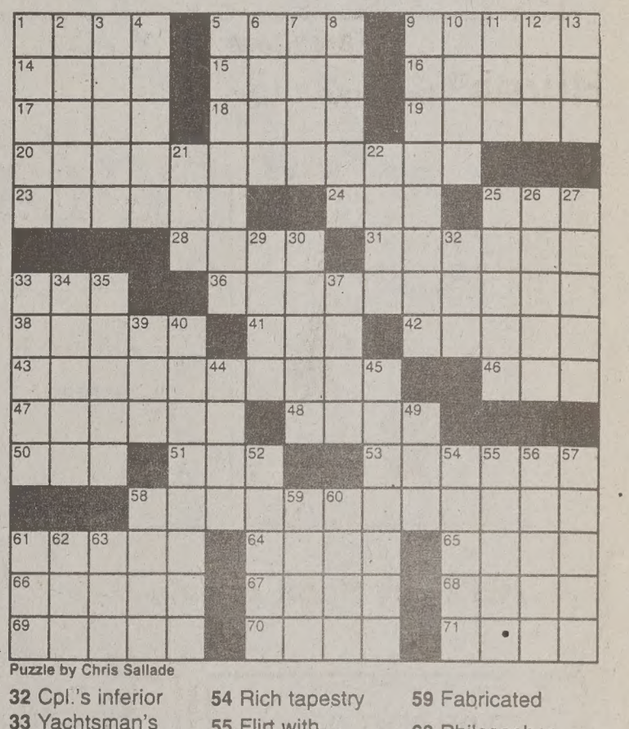
62 In the style of
63 Personal quirk



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Divers scour Cole wreckage; suspects interrogated

Associated Press

ADEN, Yemen — Yemeni security forces on Monday interrogated dozens of port workers and others — including the head of the company that services U.S. warships — as divers struggled to retrieve more bodies from the mangled USS Cole wreckage where 17 Americans died last week.

The chief of the U.S. Central Command, Gen. Tommy Franks, toured the listing destroyer on Monday to offer support to the crew, exhausted after battling all weekend to keep their badly damaged ship from sinking. In the United States, 13 injured sailors were released from a Virginia hospital by Monday afternoon, and more were expected to follow.

But in Aden, the port city where apparent suicide bombers attacked the Cole on Thursday, the focus was on identifying those behind the blast.

Ahmed al-Mansoob, general manager of the Al-Mansoob Commercial Group that provides food, supplies and garbage pick-up to the U.S. warships, was released Monday after two days of questioning. The two crew members of the garbage barge assigned to the Cole were also brought in and later freed.

Al-Mansoob would not speak to reporters. But Abdullah Al-Khalaqi, marketing director for the Yemeni company, denied any connection to the attack last week that killed 17 American sailors.

"No one here is an extremist," he said in an office filled with caps, mugs and notes of thanks from visiting U.S. ships.

"Most of our employees are relatives," said al-Khalaqi. "For others, we rely on word of mouth to see if someone is a good man."

Several people remained in a highly guarded camp on Aden's outskirts, but it was unclear whether they were considered suspects in the explosion that tore a 40-by-40-foot hole in the destroyer.

Yemen now considers the blast "a premeditated criminal act," according to SABA, the official Yemeni news agency, a reversal of an earlier position and a crucial boost to the investigation. Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh's backing is vital for FBI agents and other U.S. terrorism experts to work closely with Yemeni authorities.

Saleh met with Franks to review military cooperation and evidence gathered by Yemeni security forces, SABA said.

"The president expressed his deep regret and sorrow for this criminal act against our country and against the United States of America," the agency added.

There has been no credible claim of responsibility for the deadliest terrorist attack on the U.S. military since the 1996 bombing of an Air Force barracks in Saudi Arabia that killed 19.

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Franks toured the Cole on Monday and spoke with the crew, which finally seemed to have gained the upper hand in keeping the warship afloat. Until dawn Sunday, they had continued to try to bail out a flooded bulkhead, with electrical shorts knocking out power. At one point, they jury-rigged a pumping system from port side fire fighting equipment.

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By Monday, most flooding was contained and conditions on board improved.

"Heroic efforts were undertaken by the crew ... they saved the ship," said Rear Adm. Mark Fitzgerald, head of the U.S. task force at the ship.

Only five of the victims have been recovered. Divers searched water-filled compartments and crews with powerful metal cutters would try to slice through the wreckage to reach the others: two visible and the 10 still missing and perhaps trapped behind floors and walls wrenched apart by the blast.

The inability to quickly reach the bodies of the missing crew members showed the extreme difficulties facing underwater teams trying to thread through a maze of jagged wreckage and collapsed compartments in the murky, oil-filled harbor

In Germany, James Rundell, deputy director of the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, said two badly injured victims will remain in a military hospital there for at least another week, while four sailors will likely return to the United States on Tuesday or Wednesday. Thirty-three other injured sailors returned to the United States, over the weekend, and 13 were released from a Virginia hospital by Monday afternoon.

The officials said about 30 FBI agents had reached Yemen and were arranging facilities to accommodate the larger group. More than 70 FBI agents remained at the U.S. Air Force base in Ramstein, Germany, awaiting a flight to Yemen.

Chevron to buy Texaco for $35 billion in stock

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Chevron Corp. is buying rival Texaco Inc. for $35 billion in a stock swap that will create the world's fourth-largest oil company.

The combined company will be called ChevronTexaco Corp., and joins the ranks of other industry powerhouses formed by similar mergers: Exxon Mobil Corp., Royal Dutch/Shell Group and BP Amoco PLC.

The proposed marriage between the No. 2 and No. 3 U.S. oil companies comes against a backdrop of record oil industry profits and intensifying anxiety about rising gas prices. It will also result in an estimated 4,000 job cuts.

A combined Chevron and Texaco would have earned about [illegible] billion on revenues of $66.5 billion in 1999. The largest U.S. company, Exxon Mobil Co had 1999 sales of $160.9 billion.

To win government approval for the deal, ChevronTexaco would likely have to sell several refineries and hundreds of stations, particularly on the Coast. Without divestitures, ChevronTexaco would control percent of the West Coast market and one-third of region's refinery capacity.

"There are going to be considerable challenges to get this deal done" because of antitrust concerns, predicted Dann, an oil industry analyst Banc of America Securities Houston.

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